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The Wettest April In History of Province

April, 1920, will go down in history as the wettest April on record in Alberta, according to the meteorological observer at the Dominion experimental farm at Lethbridge. The total precipitation since April 15 has been 4.573 in. The total for the season so far is 7.51. Seeding operations which were well under way on April 25, were brought to a standstill the following day, and according to latest reports there will be little prospect of getting on the land, even with good weather, before the latter part of next week.

The precipitation during April this year in Southern Alberta has been almost seven times as great as the average over an extended period of years during which official figures have been kept by the Dominion experimental farm. The oldest of time never remembers such a remarkable set of weather conditions as have applied this spring, but unofficial records state that the year 1820 was in many respects similar to 1920.

The highest temperature for April was 65 degrees, and the lowest 4 below.

As the amount of moisture has been the limiting factor in the crop yield of Southern Alberta, with warm weather from now on the conditions would be decidedly hopeful for good results from the crop that is planted this year.

Baseball

On Monday evening, at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Ponoka baseball club the following officers were elected:—President, T. J. Durkin; vice-president, W. W. Russell; secretary, Dan Bush; board of managers, J. G. LeFranc, P. A. McKelvey, D. R. Morgan and A. A. Graham. The club has been assured success for the coming season by the financial support already guaranteed by the business men and citizens of the town, and if the present plans are carried out we will have a ball park second to none in Central Alberta.

THE MYSTERY MAN OF INDIA

That Khayin, the Mystery Man of India, who is supposed to appear at the Theatre for 2 nights commencing Friday, May 7, is offering theatricals something unusual will easily be proven when the man's offering is witnessed. Khayin is the son of an American parent, born in Bombay, India, May 3rd, 1885, while his parents were attached to the U.S. Consular Service. Khayin's father, being the Secretary to the Consul, was not transferred every time the president was changed so the first twelve years of Khayin's boyhood was spent amongst the natives of the far East.

Rimby Rioters Sent to Higher Court

Sign Confessions That They Acted While Unduly Excited

Lacombe, Alta., April 30.—The final stages of the Rimby riot were reached on Wednesday when Joe Marshall, Frank Peabody, Roy Striwe, Jesse Lloyd, and H. A. Chase were brought up before the magistrate charged with the serious offence of breaking into and destroying the plant of the Rimby Pioneer newspaper and McGillivray's realty office. The prisoners stated their wish to make confessions, and after being duly warned by the police and the magistrates, signed statements that they had committed the offences while unduly excited.

As the case was outside the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, the men were all sent for trial before a judge, and admitted to bail in ten thousand dollars, two thousand dollars each.

The wrecked printing office looks as if high explosives had burst under the type racks. Type and material that had not been thrown out on the road was piled on the floor, without regard to point system or anything else. The press had evidently been mauled by a heavy deluge. All books and papers, chairs and other office furniture were smashed to pieces or otherwise destroyed. And all this because the printer had accepted an advertisement from the McGillivray Realty Co. The office of the McGillivray Realty Co. was a good mate for the printing office, although the mob did not

OKLAHOMA CYCLONE

Muskogee, Okla., May 2.—More than 50 persons are known to have been killed and approximately 100 injured in a cyclone that virtually wiped out Peggs, a small village in the northwest corner of Cherokee county, at about nine o'clock Sunday night. Forty-three bodies have been recovered. Whole families were crushed to death when their homes were torn to pieces by the force of the gale. Nine members of the Lovens family were killed; seven of the Littlefield family, eight persons by the name of Frank, and five members of the Wilkerson family are numbered among the dead. Only three buildings remained standing after the storm had passed. Forty-two coffins are being sent to the scene of the storm from Tahlequah. This is as many as could be found in the city. Temporary hospitals have been organized amid the wreckage, and scores of severely injured are being given first aid.

have the material to make such a mess with. All the office furniture was wrecked, the telephone taken down and smashed, all records, books and papers destroyed, windows broken, in fact nothing that could be broken was left whole. Damages to the extent of one thousand dollars are claimed by McGillivray, and a like sum by Pioneer newspaper.

The annual meeting of the official board of the Union Church will be held in the church vestries on Thursday, May 13th, at 8 p.m.

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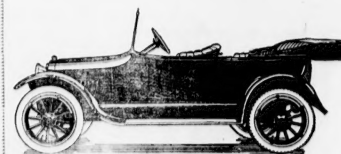
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Consider Question Of Representative At Washington

Washington.—Plans for the full participation of the Canadian people in the new world before President Wilson, and until he has acted on it, it is not expected that any formal steps will be taken to forward the project. The extent of the functions of the proposed Canadian representative has not yet been defined but the general understanding is that he will be limited to treatment of matters of purely American-Canadian interest, leaving questions involving general policies to be dealt with by the British ambassador.

As the state department has now taken under consideration the question created by the difficulties experienced in securing pulpwood from Canada for United States use, it is believed that a decision of the question of Canadian diplomatic representation here will be hastened as this question is regarded as one peculiarly proper for direct negotiation between Canada and the United States.

Will Evaluate German Towns

Whole German Force in Ruhr District Must Be Reduced to 10,000 by June 10

Paris.—Premier Millerand, in making a declaration to the chamber of deputies on the results of the supreme council meeting at San Remo, said that the Frankfurt and Darmstadt territories would be evacuated by the French as soon as the allied conditions had established that Germany had an armed force over the number allowed by the convention of August, 1919, had been withdrawn.

The whole German force in the Ruhr region, the premier declared, must be reduced to 10,000 men by June 10 next, and by July 10 all the German soldiers must be withdrawn and replaced by a police force of 10,000 men.

"I said at San Remo," M. Millerand continued, "and I repeat it here now, that it is a crime and stupidity to believe that France desires to annex any German territory."

"The details of the treaty with Turkey cannot be discussed before Turkey's plenipotentiaries come to Paris on May 10, but I can say that the treaty is in conformity with the outline already made by the Turks being maintained in Constantinople and in the territories in which they are in the majority."

"An appeal has been sent to President Wilson asking him if his country cannot take up the mandate for Armenia, at least to collect the fixing of the frontiers of the new state."

In conclusion, M. Millerand declared that upon leaving San Remo, the allies were more united than ever.

"If I may be permitted to say it, especially the entire French nation, and her sister of the Latin race is closer than ever," he said.

The premier's remarks received deep attention, but no enthusiasm was displayed in the chamber.

Attempted Bank Robbery

Atlanta.—La Banque Nationale at Gatlinburg, Tenn., about three miles from Ottawa, was entered by robbers, and although persistent attempts were made to open the safe by cutting the burglar's door with very little booty. The safe baffled all attempts at opening and although the robbers managed to damage the safe, the door could not be opened. It is believed the effort was made by residents of the district.

Toronto City Debt Reduced

Toronto.—Toronto's civic debt has decreased during the year to the extent of \$2,300,000, according to a report issued by the finance commissioner. This is the first time in 17 years that there has been a reduction. The net debt now stands at \$7,352,862.

Millions Involved In Merging of Big Steel Interests

Montreal.—Directors of the Canadian Steamship Lines, Limited, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, and the Dominion Steel Corporation, received and considered the proposals made by the interests behind the \$500,000,000 steel and coal corporation, known as the British Empire Steel Corporation, and formally consented to the transfer of securities involved, subject to the consent of the shareholders of the three interests which are to form the Canadian nucleus of the big consolidation.

According to the statement issued by Col. J. W. Grant-Morden, the terms will be ready for publication in a day or two, and special general meetings of the companies involved will be called in the near future.

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In addition to the three companies mentioned, the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Davis Shipbuilding Company of Lewis, Port Arthur, and the Dominion Steel Corporation, together with the latter's Kingston subsidiary, the Maritime Steel Company of St. John, N.S., and possibly several other allied industries.

Railway Accident Takes Heavy Toll

Distressing and Pathetic Scenes Were Enacted in Train Wreck

Near Delhi

Bombay.—Extremely distressing and pathetic scenes were enacted in the train wreck on the Oudh and Rohilkhand railway east of Delhi, on Saturday, when 150 passengers were either killed or injured to death. One of a few of the large number of women and children on the trains escaped burning, while there were only three survivors of the Hindu marriage parties.

As a result of the collision the gas inhalation caught fire and the flames spread rapidly. The uninjured Indian terror-stricken to the jungle, those remaining watched helplessly while the screaming victims slowly roared to death. The medical aid around the train was totally inadequate to give the necessary assistance. Several British abroad escaped injury. After the accident pools of molten iron were found in the vicinity of rumpers many Indian carry about with them.

May Redeem Property

Vancouver Court Refuses To Grant Foreclosure Opportunity Is Given

Vancouver, B. C.—German holders of Vancouver property will be given a fair chance to avoid foreclosure and the right to redeem, according to a ruling made in the supreme court by Justice MacDonald. Before the war, Count von Helldorf, Count Elva Fomhold and Count Bigelow Dornhoff, of Berlin, Germany, purchased an apartment house in this city for \$90,000, paying \$40,000 cash and assuming a mortgage. The amount remaining unpaid amounts to \$50,000, and a local bank sought for foreclosure. The defendants are asking for delay to enable a defence to be entered, and this the judge was inclined to grant.

Dwellers In Tents

Winipeg Mayor In Sympathy With Those Attempting To Fight Housing Problem

Winipeg.—That he was in complete sympathy with persons desiring to establish themselves in tents and shacks during the summer months and to get away from high rents and housing difficulties, was the statement of Mayor Gray recently.

"The city," he said, "should be very lenient with regard to the placing of tents and shacks, particularly on the edge of the river bank. Citizens should not be forced to comply with all the civil regulations at such a time as this when it is impossible to secure sufficient accommodation."

Canada's Assets Have Increased

Ottawa.—A return filed in the house of commons shows that Canada's total assets at the end of 1919 were \$1,042,374,767, or 20 percent increase over \$852,822,735.29 or 14.6 percent. This rate was more than twice as high in 1918, when it was \$421,001,581, or 102.02 percent.

Minimum Wage and 48-Hour Week Favored

Ottawa.—Dominion-wide application of the principle of a minimum wage and a 48-hour working week, for all women and girls, excepting in domestic or agricultural employment, was strongly favored by the Royal Commission on the unification of labor laws at the session here.

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H. C. of L. in Ontario

Will Have Law Amended If Necessary to Stop Profiteering.

Toronto.—Following further into the recent investigation of the Hamilton Wholesale Grocers' Association, Hon. W. E. Rancey, in the legislature, stated that further action to secure a conviction is to be taken by his department.

"The public may be assured that the matter will not be allowed to rest," the attorney-general promised. The government of this province will take steps to ascertain whether the legal resources of the public and the consumers, under the existing laws have been exhausted. If it is found that they have, this government will endeavor to ascertain what changes in the law are necessary to put the laws of this country and this province on at least as good a footing as the laws of the United States. When the law is the best, it is at this point, this government will undertake to see that they are properly enforced through the courts of this province."

Mr. Rancey explained that he proposed to obtain the opinion of expert counsel as to whether the present law applied to the case. If these opinions were that the law did apply, prosecution would be authorized. If the contrary representations would be made to secure changes in the law.

Railway Charter Refused

Dr. Reid Declares the Gander Line Could Not Be Made To Pay

Ottawa.—By a majority of only two votes the railway committee of the house of commons refused to grant a charter to the Pabos and Hymatun railway company to construct a 246-mile road through the interior of the province. A number of members, led by Dr. J. D. Reid, ministers of railways, took issue with the government. A number of members, led by Dr. J. D. Reid, ministers of railways, took issue with the government. A number of members, led by Dr. J. D. Reid, ministers of railways, took issue with the government.

The day of subsidies is gone, I think," said Dr. Reid, and great applause in the chamber. He said that the provinces should make themselves responsible for such railway charters as a factor in the development of natural resources.

The vote by which the application was rejected was 31 against 29 supporting.

Close Victory Loan Transfer Book

Ottawa.—Notice is given by the finance department that on account of the interest payments due June 1, the transfer book for the 1915-16 Victory Loan and the 1917 Victory Loan will be closed from April 30 to May 31 inclusive. Bonds which are received at the department for transfer after April 30 will not be transferred until after the opening of the transfer books on June 1.

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Poles Defeat Bolsheviks

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Mr. Rinfret was also informed that the government was aware that customs officers in Canada estimate the normal value of foreign monies and not in accordance with the current exchange rates.

The government had no intention of changing this practice.

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Make Increased Demands

Advance in Wages of 25 Percent Is Demanded by the Winnipeg Building Trades

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Discussion Over Continuation of Wheat Board

Germany Is Pleased

Invitation to Attend Conference Is Welcomed As A Token of Equality

Berlin.—The invitation extended by the supreme council to the German government to send representatives to the conference is viewed by George Bernhard in the Vossische Zeitung as a signal improvement in Germany's diplomatic position. "Germany thereby being delivered from the shackles of its enforced isolation."

The co-operation of Germany, and France and Belgium will form the nucleus of a new active policy to work out a European confraternity, he adds.

The semi-official Allgemeine Zeitung discussing the destruction of war material under the treaty in state arsenals and about 25,000 private workshops, expresses the hope that the treaty will relax demands for surrender of all resulting waste material which now constitutes virtually the sole material for keeping the iron and steel furnaces in operation, since the supplies of ore from Lorraine, Alsace-Lorraine and other places have ceased.

Mr. Adolf Koester, minister of foreign affairs, in an interview published in the Allgemeine Zeitung, said he welcomed the Kintens invitation to Germany to send representatives to the conference.

"We presume," he added, "that the negotiations will be between two parties equally convinced of the necessity of firmly reconstructing Europe and we hope to show our former opponents that we have the earnestness to bring the peace treaty to its utmost limit of our capacity."

Dr. Koester regrets that the statement of the allied governments did not mention the acquisition of France, the main district; since the number of troops in the neutral zone was only 17,000, which was allowed by the agreement of 1919.

"In these circumstances," he continued, "the allied governments did not mention the acquisition of France, the main district is superfluous. Consequently we have instructed the president of the German peace conference delegation to the ambassadors' conference when the illegal operation of the main district is terminated."

Fiume Again Blockaded

Communications to the Town Have Now Been Completely Severed

Trieste.—The blockade which Fiume is now undergoing is admittedly the most severe which it has been subjected. The communications of the town have been completely cut, regular Italian troops testing up sections of the railway and bringing up numbers of machine guns to guard the frontiers. Patrols in and out of the city is absolutely forbidden, not even milk going in, and connection with the outside world by the sea must be completely severed. General D'Annunzio, the insurgent commander-in-chief, is threatening counter action.

Re-Governance of Kiel Arrested

Berlin.—Rear-Admiral Von Loeven, former governor of Kiel, has been ordered to leave the city. According to a brief message from Kiel received by the Lokal Anzeiger, his removal was least with great dissatisfaction by the city.

Extend Time Limit for Income Tax Returns

Ottawa.—Orders have been sent out from the finance department extending the time for filing income tax returns for the whole of the Dominion to May 31.

Villainous Plot Is Uncovered By U. S. Officials

Washington.—Plots against the lives of more than a score of Canadian and state officials have been discovered by the department of justice as part of radical May Day demonstrations.

Attorney-General Palmer has made a statement that the May Day program organized by the communist party and other radicals, that neither appointment has ever been discussed except by the newspapers.

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Ottawa.—The question of the continuation of the wheat board to handle the Canadian wheat crop for 1920 has recently been the force. The western members of parliament have been discussing the question and it is understood a thorough review of the whole subject is under way in a special committee.

Meanwhile, the wheat board is getting nearer to the close of its work and the question of the value of the participation certificates now in the hands of the farmers, is acquiring renewed interest. It will be impossible, until the close of the year's business, to finally decide their value. Hon. Arthur Meighen refused to express an opinion as to what the participation shares would be worth, but he said that the board's operations into the 1920 crop season.

"I hope," he said, "that the farmers who hold the participation certificates will not sell them. It would be most unfortunate if these certificates got into the hands of speculators. Every man who purchased the wheat shares, hold his participation certificates and get himself all that his product brought in the world's markets."

Strikers Appeal to King George

Resolution Is Sent to His Majesty on Behalf of Convicted Winnipeg Leaders

Winnipeg.—King George has been appealed to by the labor leaders' defence committee for the release of the convicted strikers.

A copy of a resolution passed at the recent convention has been forwarded to His Majesty and copies have also been sent to the minister of justice and the governor general of Canada. In the resolution it is claimed that the trades unions of the province have been unfairly treated and therefore responsible for the same. There was no intention whatever to disturb the raising forces of government and the justice has been done to labor and the men convicted.

Japanese Massacred

Warships Are Rushed to Eastern Siberia With Troops

Washington.—Japanese guards in the district of Nikolaevsk, eastern Siberia, are believed to have been annihilated and several hundred Japanese residents, including the Japanese consul, murdered. According to an official statement issued by the Japanese foreign office, a made public today by the state department.

The Japanese statement says the suspension of communications with the district rendered it impossible to get help to the stricken area, but that it was evident that a serious upheaval had taken place. Efforts of the Japanese to dispatch military relief expeditions into the district failed because of the ice. Meanwhile, however, the Japanese have sent an expedition to Alexanderovsk, accompanied by the warships Mikasa and Mutsu. The forces reached their destination on April 22 and found the Japanese residents in this district safe. Most of them were taken aboard the Mikasa.

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Extend Time Limit for Income Tax Returns

Ottawa.—Orders have been sent out from the finance department extending the time for filing income tax returns for the whole of the Dominion to May 31.

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